

Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition

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WE (I) the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

BEADS OF EXPANDABLE VINYLAROMATIC POLYMERS AND PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION

the specification of which

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Application Serial No. _____

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on _____ (if applicable).

We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

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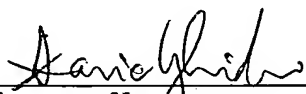
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